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## Passport Hassle: 'Shadow' Is Eased

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WASHINGTON.

The State Department has tightened procedures concerning the reporting by American embassies on activities of U. S. citizens traveling abroad, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D., Mass., said yesterday.

In a Senate speech, he reported that Secretary of State Dean Rusk had assured him that surveillance procedures instituted by the Passport Office in the case of Harvard professor H. Stuart Hughes "and similar cases will no longer be followed."

Two weeks ago, the Senator demanded that the State Department spell out its legal authority for "shadowing" "American citizens abroad. This followed disclosures that Francis G. Knight, head of the Passport office, had cabled the Paris and Moscow embassies to keep an eye on Prof. Hughes during a European trip he has planned for next fall.

In a March 8 airgram to the embassies, Miss Knight described Prof. Hughes as a man who "reportedly in the past has had strong convictions

Sen. Kennedy yesterday said that Prof. Hughes, a grandson of the late Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, is "a man of character and integrity. His views and activities have been very well publicized, and any full evaluation of his public career would satisfy a fair-minded man that he is neither a Communist nor a pro-Communist, nor are his activities in any way dangerous to the security of the United States."

The Massachusetts Senator maintained that "there is a deeper issue involved in this case, an issue that goes to the fundamental right of American citizens to travel abroad."

If our government can single out Prof. Hughes for special treatment, it can single out many other citizens whose views are controver-

He said that following a review by the Departments of State and Justice, new guidelines have been set regarding the transmission of information about U. S. citizens overseas, including the following:

Requests for information will be made by the Justice Department only in cases "where an important national interest would be served."

American diplomatic missions, as in the past, will not engage in surveillance, but will on appropriate instructions from the State Department "simply forward relevant information that may come to its attention."

Requests for information will initiate with a responsible Justice Department of-

licer and be sent by a State Department official of similarly high rank.

Requests for information and reports received will be "handled on a restricted basis both at origin and destination, with distribution closely controlled to assure appropriate protection."

The revised procedures, in effect, amounted to a second reproof for Miss Knight. Her March 8 airgrams following their disclosure were rescinded by Philip B. Heymann, acting director of the Department of State's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs.

Yesterday, when asked for comment on the new guidelines for diplomatic surveillance, she replied, "No one has informed me of them."

Miss Knight, who has recently figured in the news be-

with Abba Schwartz, former chief of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, was reported to have had installed in her office a "scrambler" telephone connecting her with the Central Intelligence Agency. She declined yesterday to confirm or deny that she had such a phone.

A "scrambler" telephone garbles the conversation during transmission and ungarbles it at the receiving end.

Sen. Kennedy said he believed "there are some individuals about whom our embassies abroad should be alerted," such as suspected smugglers, international criminals, fugitives or mentally unstable persons.

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